

## DHS Begins Awarding FY 2004 State Homeland Security Grant Funds

On Monday, March 29, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced the awarding of approximately \$2.2 billion for the fiscal year (FY) 2004 State Homeland Security Grants program, including \$35 million in funding for Citizen Corps, \$500 million for law enforcement, and \$725 million for the Urban Area Security Initiative. The intent of the funds is to assist state and local first responders in purchasing equipment and training to help their communities. During a conference call yesterday with state and local representatives, DHS said that the awards are being made on a "rolling basis" in order to assess the data used to distribute the funds. Individual state award amounts are available online at

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